

[SYSTEM, METHOD, APPARATUS AND MEANS FOR PROTECTING DIGITAL CONTENT]

Abstract of Disclosure

An item of content is protected by monitoring a plurality of file sharing networks to identify at least a first file sharing network having the item of content. At least first and second reference files associated with the item of content are created, where the first and second reference files each have a different format. A plurality of decoy files are created, including a first set of decoy files created from the first reference file, and a second set of decoy files created from the second reference file, where each of the decoy files including a defect. The decoy files are disseminated to the first file sharing network.

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